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SUBJECT: MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY

1. IN HOUSE SPEECH FEBRUARY 5 CONGRESSMAN PAUL FINDLEY (REP. ILL) EMPHASIZED CONTINUING IMPORTANCE OF NATO TO U.S. SECURITY AND SHARPLY CRITICIZED SUSPENSION OF AID TO STRATEGICALLY LOCATED ALLY TURKEY. ARGUING THAT "IT IS TIME FOR THE UNITED STATES TO TAKE THE LEADERSHIP TO STEM THE TIDE RUNNING AGAINST NATO," THE CONGRESSMAN PROPOSED THAT CONGRESS ESTABLISH AN EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY FUND WHICH THE PRESIDENT COULD USE TO STRENGTHEN THE NATO ALLIANCE AND BUILD THE DEFENSE CAPABILITY OF NATO STATES WHERE NEEDED." FINDLEY THEN INTRODUCED FOLLOWING BILL (H.R. 2806);

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2. QTE: A BILL TO AUTHORIZE EMERGENCY NATO CONTINGENCY
FUND

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, NOWITH-
STANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THERE IS HEREBY
AUTHORIZED TO BE APPROPRIATED FOR EXPENDITURE BY THE
PRESIDENT DOLS. 100 MILLION AS AN EMERGENCY NATO CONTINGENCY
FUND, TO BE AVAILABLE ONLY FOR ALLIANCE PURPOSES IN ORDER TO
STRENGTHEN THE MILITARY CAPABILITIES OF SIGNATORIES OF THE
NORTH ALLIANCE TREATY. END QTE.

3. WE DO NOT YET HAVE ANY INDICATION OF PROSPECTS FOR BILL
--WHICH IS DIRECTED AT PROBLEM OF RESTORING TURKISH AID--
OR OF PACE OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON IT, BUT NOTE THAT
HOUSE IS NOW IN RECESS AND WILL NOT RETURN UNTIL ABOUT
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